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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend claims 1-5, 10, 16, 18, and 20-24 as follows:

1. (once amended) A method for automatically evaluating a decisional rule containing a task and a condition which must be fulfilled before the task can be performed and for automatically performing the task when the condition is fulfilled comprising:

entering said decisional rule into computing means;  
compiling said decisional rule to parse said condition;

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